Expansion of Air Services from Hyderabad

1382. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce more direct flights from Hyderabad to Delhi and other major cities to tide over the ever increasing demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhether in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

Cancellation of flights Due to fog

1383. DR. MAM, RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many flights are cancelled or rescheduled due to fog every year which causes huge losses to revenue; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to see that flights are operated normally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Certain flights are cancelled or rescheduled in winter season due to fog.

(b) Efforts are continously made to reduce cancellation/ rescheduling of flights due to fog. Regular meetings have been convened in the Ministry of Civil Aviation with the representatives of Airports Authority of India (AAI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), India Meteorological Department (IMD), airlines and other agencies. Stress